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This report is based on a transcription and tabulation of data from the 1950 Census of Population and Housing. The statistics relate to dwelling units considered substandard by the Public Housing Administration, in accordance with the contract for these statistics between the Bureau of the Census and the Housing Authority of Fresno County.

A dwelling unit is considered substandard by the Public Housing Administration if it is either dilapidated or does not have the following plumbing facilities: flush toilet and bath inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use, and hot running water. The Public Housing Administration considers the absence of hot running water to be evidence generally of poor quality of the dwelling unit, but there may be some localities in which the absence of hot running water is not deemed to be a sufficient indication by itself of poor quality. localities, a revised count of substandard units may be obtained from table 1 by subtracting from the total the units which lack hot water only. If it is desired to eliminate the units lacking hot water only from the total count of substandard units, the distributions shown in the tables will not be materially affected.

The criteria used to define substandard units in these tabulations are not identical with the housing characteristics included in the published reports from the 1940 Census. Therefore, any comparison of data in this report with the 1940 results must be made with extreme care. A direct comparison cannot be made with the 1940 results because information on hot running water was not collected at that time. Further, the 1940 data on condition were collected showing dwelling units "needing major repairs," whereas

in 1950 data on condition were collected showing units as "dilapidated." Because the definitions of these two terms differ significantly, the 1940 count of dwelling units needing major repairs and the 1950 count of dilapidated dwelling units are comparable only in a general way.

The data are presented in the series of attached tables. In table 1 the structural and occupancy characteristics are shown for all substandard dwelling units. Table 2 shows the rent paid for renter-occupied substandard units; table 3 shows the condition and plumbing facilities of these same units. Table 4 shows the characteristics of all families (both primary and secondary) living in the substandard units. Table 4a classifies the primary families by family income. Table 5 classifies primary families with no subfamily or secondary family present, by rent as a percent of family income.

In the contract rent tabulation, dwelling units occupied rent-free are tabulated in the "\$9 or less" category. In the gross rent tabulations, however, such units are tabulated as "not reporting," except when utilities were reported.

DEFINITIONS

The definitions used in this special tabulation are generally the same as those used in the 1950 Census of Population and Housing. Some of the more important definitions are given below.

Dwelling unit. -- In general, a dwelling unit is a group of rooms or a single room, occupied, or intended for occupancy, as separate living quarters by a family or other group of persons living together or by a person living alone.

Primary family. -- A primary family consists of two or more persons including the head of the household and all (one or more) persons in the household who are related to the head by blood, marriage, or adoption. It may include a subfamily consisting of a married couple with or without children, or one parent with one or more children under 18 years of age, living in the household and related to but not including the head of the household or his wife. The subfamily is considered a part of the primary family for all tabulation purposes.

Secondary family. -- A secondary family consists of two or more persons, such as a lodger or servant and his relatives, living in a household and related to each other but not related to the household head. The secondary family is considered a separate family for tabulation purposes.

Minor.--A minor is an unmarried person under 21 years of age other than the head of a family or his wife.

Dilapidation. A dwelling unit is considered to be dilapidated when it has serious deficiencies, is rundown or neglected, or is of inadequate original construction, so that it does not provide adequate shelter or protection against the elements or it endangers the safety of the occupants.

Plumbing facilities. -- The following are the three plumbing facilities tabulated:

- l. Flush toilet inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use;
- 2. Installed bathtub or shower inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use; and
- 3. Hot and cold running water inside the structure.

Exclusive use. -- Equipment is for "exclusive use" if it is used only by the occupants of one dwelling unit.

Shared. -- Equipment is "shared" when occupants of two or more units used the same equipment.

<u>Family income.--Family income</u> is the sum of the income received during 1949, by all members of the family. The following items were asked separately for the head of the family and for all other members of the family combined:

- 1. The amount of money wages or salary received in 1949:
- 2. The amount of net money income received from self-employment in 1949; and

3. The amount of other money income received in 1949, such as interest, dividends, veterans' allowances, pensions, or rents.

Gross rent. -- Monthly gross rent is contract rent plus the reported average monthly cost of water, electricity, gas, and other fuel paid for by the renter. If furniture is included in the contract rent, the reported estimated rent of the dwelling unit without furniture is used for the computation instead of the contract rent.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

The data in tables 1 through 4 are based on complete counts, including all dwelling units and families with the specified characteristics. The distributions involving income in tables 4a and 5, however, were prepared from data collected on a sample basis. As part of the 1950 Census, family income data were obtained from about one-fifth of all families. For these tabulations, additional interviews were made to increase the income sample above the 20-percent level. This was accomplished by a subsequent field enumeration of a sample of families who were not in the original sample but were living in substandard dwelling units.

Although the figures shown in tables 1 through 4 are based on the same data as the forthcoming 1950 Census tabulations of these items, they may differ from those to be published as part of the census. The present tables were obtained by tabulating directly the data as transcribed in the field offices of the Census Bureau and the figures, therefore, do not include all of the refinements that result from a careful examination of the schedules.

In addition, the data are subject to other biases due to errors of response or nonreporting which cannot be corrected in editing. Factors affecting the accuracy of enumeration include the respondent's knowledge of the facts and the ability of the enumerator to obtain accurate information on such items as income, rent, dilapidation, and plumbing facilities. The regular 1950 tabulations are also subject to these biases.

Reliability of Estimates in Tables 4a and 5

Because of sampling variability, percentage distributions shown in table 4a and all figures in table 5 may differ from those that would have been obtained from a complete count. (The absolute figures in table 4a represent complete

counts and are not subject to sampling variations.) The reliability estimates which follow give approximate measures of the sampling errors to be expected in these sample data.

Reliability of the percentages in tables 4a and 5.--The allowance to be made for sampling variation in a percentage depends, in general, both on the value of the percentage and the size of the base on which it is determined. If two percentages are of the same magnitude, the one based on a large number of cases in the sample

is, in general, less variable than the one based on a small number of sample cases.

Estimates of reliability are shown in the following table for percentages with bases of primary families of the specified types. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the differences due to sampling variability between the percentages obtained from the sample and the percentages which would have been obtained from a complete census would be less than the sampling errors shown below.

	Sampling variability if the base is-											
Percentage shown in table		families in welling units		All primary families with no subfamily or secondary family present, in substandard renter units								
	Total	Owner	Renter	Total	No minors	With minors						
0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 10.0 15.0 20.0 25.0 30.0 40.0 50.0	0.6 0.9 1.2 1.5 1.7 1.9 2.6 3.1 3.4 3.7 3.9 4.2	(1)	0.7 1.0 1.4 1.7 2.0 2.2 3.0 3.6 4.0 4.3 4.6	0.7 1.0 1.4 1.8 2.0 2.3 3.1 3.7 4.1 4.5 4.7 5.1	(1)	0.8 1.1 1.6 2.0 2.3 2.5 3.5 4.1 4.6 5.0 5.3 5.7						

¹ Omitted because percentage distribution is not shown.

To illustrate, for a figure of 10 percent based on all primary families living in substandard renter dwelling units, the sampling variability is 3.0 percent; the chances are about 19 out of 20 that the percentage obtained by a complete census would have been between 7.0 percent and 13.0 percent.

Reliability of absolute figures in table 5.-The approximate sampling variability of the absolute figures in table 5 is shown below. The chances are 19 out of 20 that the differences between the numbers shown in table 5 and the numbers that would have been obtained from a complete census would be less than the sampling errors which follow.

Classification	Absolute figure in table 5	Sampling variability
Total No minors With minors	4 5	7 10 11

Reliability of differences.—The estimates of sampling variability shown in the above tables are not directly applicable to differences obtained by subtracting one figure from another. The sampling variability in an observed difference between two figures depends on the sampling variability of each of the figures and the correlation between them.

Table 1.--STRUCTURAL AND OCCUPANCY CHARACTERISTICS, CONDITION, AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY TENURE, FOR SEIMA, CALIFORNIA: 1950

(A substandard dwelling unit is defined by the Public Housing Administration as a unit which is either dilapidated or does not have all of the following plumbing facilities: flush toilet and bath inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use, and hot running water)

Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter	Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter
mata?				AND OF TOTAL OF			
Total number occupied substandard dwelling units	474	178.	296	NUMBER OF LODGERS		ļ	
Percent of total	100.0	37.6	62.4	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
NUMBER OF ROOMS				None	97.7	97.8	97.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	1 or more lodgers	2.3	2.2	2.4
1 room	13.3	9.0	15.9	CONDUCTION AND DELIBERTING PAGELIFIED			
2 rooms	30.4 19.2	20.2	41.6 18.6	CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES			
4 rooms	18.4	25.8	13.9				
5 rooms	9.5	14.6	6.4	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
7 rooms	5.1 0.6	10.7	1.7 0.3	Not dilapidated:			
8 rooms or more	1.3	2.8	0.3	With private bath and private flush)		
Not reported	2.3	3.9	1.4	toilet, no hot running water With private flush toilet, no	6.5	9.0	5.1
CONDITION				private bath	4.9	6.2	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	With running water, no private	0= 1	04.77	25.3
Not dilapidated	39.5	42.1	37.8	flush toilet No running water inside the structure	25.1	24.7	3.4
Dilapidated	59.3	57.9	60.1	D12 12 - 1 - 1			
Not reported	1.3	-	2.0	Dilapidated: With private bath and private flush		1	
WATER SUPPLY				toilet, hot and cold running water	18.8	28.1	13.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water	5.9	6.2	5.7
Hot and cold piped running water inside				With private flush toilet, no	. 5.5	0.5	541
structure	29.5	40.4	23.0	private bath	5.7	5.1	6.1
No piped running water inside structure	57.8 12.7	51.1 8.4	61.8	flush toilet No running water inside the structure	18.8	11.2	23.3
Not reported	12.01	-	10.2	NO TOMBLE WAS SET THE TOP ONCE DO I GOVERN	9.9	0.7	10
TOILET FACILITIES				Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities	1.7	1.1	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0				
Flush toilet inside structure,		Į		CONDITION BY NUMBER OF PLUMBING			
exclusive use	42.4 2.5	54.5 1.1	35.1 3.4	FACILITIES			
privy)	54.9 0.2	43.8 0.6	61.5	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
•			7	Not dilapidated:			
BATHING FACILITIES			İ	Lacking 1 facility Lacking 2 facilities	9.7	14.0 11.8	7,1 9,1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	Lacking 3 facilities	19.4	15.7	21.6
Installed bathtub or shower inside structure, exclusive use	37.3	52.2	28.4	Dilapidated:			
Installed bathtub or shower inside structure, shared		, ,	1 77	With all facilities	18.8	28.1 7.3	13.2 6.4
Other or none	3.4 59.1	1.1 46.1	66.9	Lacking 1 facility	8.9	7.9	9.5
Not reported	0.2	0.6	-	Lacking 3 facilities	24.7	14.0	31.1
NUMBER OF PERSONS.				Not reporting condition or plumbing	1.7	1.1	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	facilities	1.1	1.1	0.0
1 person	15.4	15.7	15.2	MINDSD ON DIESTITIO THE STATE OF COMPANY		l l	
2 persons	20.9	24.7	18.6	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS IN STRUCTURE			
4 persons	15.6	12.4	17.6		1000		
5 persons 6 persons	10.1	6.2	12.5	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
7 persons	7.2	6.2 5.6	7.8 3.7	l dwelling unit	86.7	96.1	81.1
8 persons	5.3	9.0	8.0	2 to 4 dwelling units	10.1	3.9	13.9
9 persons or more	5.1	9.0	2.7	5 or more dwelling units	3.2	_	5.1

Table 2.--CONTRACT AND GROSS RENT OF RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, FOR SELMA, CALIFORNIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

Monthly contract rent	Total	Furniture in rent	Total	Monthly gross rent	Total
Total number renter-occupied substandard dwelling units. Total, percent. \$9 or less. \$10 to \$14. \$15 to \$19. \$20 to \$24. \$25 to \$29. \$30 to \$34. \$35 to \$39. \$40 to \$49. \$50 or more. Not reported.	296	Total, percent Furniture included in contract rent Furniture not included in contract rent Not reported	100.0 14.9 78.0 7.1	Total, percent. \$9 or less. \$10 to \$14	100.0 16.6 14.5 21.3 12.5 13.5 10.5 7.4 2.7 0.7 0.3

Table 3.--CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY GROSS RENT, FOR SELMA, CALLFORNIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

		Monthly gross rent							
Condition and plumbing facilities		-\$19 or less	\$20 to \$24	\$25 to \$29	\$30 to \$34	\$35 to \$39	\$40 to \$49	\$50 or more	Not reported
Total number renter-occupied substandard dwelling units	296	155	37	40	31	22	8	2	1
Percent of total	100.0	52.4	12.5	13.5	10.5	7.4	2.7	0.7	0.3
Not dilapidated: With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water With private flush toilet, no private bath With running water, no private flush toilet No running water inside structure	5.1 4.1 25.3 3.4	1.7 2.0 10.1 2.7	0.7 0.3 3.0 0.3	0.7 0.7 4.1 0.3	1.4 0.3 4.4	0.3 3.0	0.7 0.3 -	0.3	0.3
Dilapidated: With private bath and private flush toilet, hot and cold running water	13.2 5.7 6.1 23.3 11.8	2.0 4.1 3.0 15.2 9.8	1.7 0.7 0.7 3.7 1.4	2.7 0.7 1.4 2.4 0.7	2.0 - 0.7 1.7	3.7	1.0	0.3	- - - -
Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities.	2.0	1.7	###	-	-		0.3	-	

Table 4.--CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS BY TENURE, FOR SELMA, CALIFORNIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter	Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter
Total number of families	396	147	249	NUMBER OF PERSONS PER ROOM			
Percent of total	100.0	37.1	,62.9	IN DWELLING UNIT	100.0	100.0	100.0
TYPE OF FAMILY				0.50 or less 0.51 to 0.75 0.76 to 1.00	4.8 11.6 23.7	10.2 15.6 21.8	1.6 9.2 24.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.01 to 1.50	17.9	17.7	18.1
Primary family Secondary family	99 _• 5 0 _• 5	100.0	99.2 0.8	1.51 to 2.00	22.7 16.9 2.3	20.4 10.2 4.1	24.1 20.9 1.2
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY			,	NUMBER OF MINORS IN FAMILY			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
2 persons	23.7 19.7 18.2 12.6 8.1 5.6 12.1	27.9 14.3 14.3 7.5 7.5 6.8 21.8	21.3 22.9 20.5 15.7 8.4 4.8 6.4	No minors. 1 minor. 2 minors. 3 minors. 4 minors. 5 minors. 6 minors or more.	21.5 23.5 21.2 11.4 8.6 5.3 8.6	26.5 16.3 18.4 8.8 8.2 7.5 14.3	18.5 27.7 22.9 12.9 8.8 4.0 5.2

Table 4a.--INCOME IN 1949 OF PRIMARY FAMILIES IN SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY NUMBER OF MINORS AND TENURE, FOR SEIMA, CALIFORNIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

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Family income by number of minors	Total	Owner	Renter	Family income by number of minors	Total	Owner	Renter
Total number of primary	. 904	1 477	247	Two minors	22.5		24.8
families	394	147	24.7	\$999 or less	3.0		3.9
Percent of total	100.0	37.3	62.7	\$1,000 to \$1,249	3.8		5.2
				\$1,250 to \$1,499	2.3		1.3
Total	100.0	(¹)	100.0	\$1,500 to \$1,749 \$1,750 to \$1,999	0.8 2.3		1.3 1.3
\$999 or less	21.4		26.1	Ψ1,750 00 Ψ1,755	2.0		
\$1,000 to \$1,249	11.6		13.7	\$2,000 to \$2,249	0.4		0.7
\$1,250 to \$1,499 \$1,500 to \$1,749	10.4		7.8	\$2,250 to \$2,499	0.9		0.7
\$1,750 to \$1,999	8.0 6.7		10.5 5.9	\$2,500 to \$2,749 \$2,750 to \$2,999	3.2		2.0
\$2,000 to \$2,249	6.6		6.5		_		_
\$2,250 to \$2,499	6.3		5.2	\$3,000 to \$3,999	1.7		2.0
\$2,500 to \$2,749	5.4		3.9	\$4,000 to \$4,999	1.2		2.0
\$2,750 to \$2,999	3.2		2.0	\$5,000 or more	1.2 1.6		2.0 2.6
\$3,000 to \$3,999	8,2		5.9	Nov reperved	T.00		٥٠٥
\$4,000 to \$4,999	3.5		3.9	Three or four minors	19.8		19.6
\$5,000 or more	1.2		2.0	Infec of four minors	20.0		2000
Mos reported	7.6		6.5	\$999 or less	4.8		5.2
No minors	19.4		18.3	\$1,000 to \$1,249	3.0		3.9
\$ 999 or less	6.5		7.2	\$1,250 to \$1,499 \$1,500 to \$1,749	2.3 2.9		1.3
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1.8		1.3	\$1,750 to \$1,999	0.5		4.6
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1.3		1.3	****	0,0		
\$1,500 to \$1,749 \$1,750 to \$1,999	0.5		-	\$2,000 to \$2,249	1.3		1.8
· •	2.2		2.0	\$2,250 to \$2,499	1.7		2.0
\$2,000 to \$2,249	1.8		1.3	\$2,500 to \$2,749 \$2,750 to \$2,999	1.0		<u>.</u>
\$2,250 to \$2,499 \$2,500 to \$2,749	1.4		0.7	42,755 55 42,555	0.5		7
\$2,750 to \$2,999	0.4		1.3	\$3,000 to \$3,999	1.4		0.7
\$3,000 to \$3,999	1.4		0.7	\$4,000 to \$4,999	-		-
\$4,000 to \$4,999	0.4		0.7	\$5,000 or more	0.4		0.7
\$5,000 or more	"-	1 .		NOT Lebot seq	0.4		0.7
Not reported	1.3		1.3	5 minors or more	16.1		9.8_
One minor	22.2		27.5	J minors of more	10.1		J.0
				\$999 or less	2.5		3.3
\$999 or less \$1,000 to \$1,249	4.6 2.2	,	6.5	\$1,000 to \$1,249	0.8		1.3
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1.6		2.0	\$1,250 to \$1,499 \$1,500 to \$1,749	2.8	1	1.3
\$1,500 to \$1,749	2.1		2.6	\$1,750 to \$1,999	1.7		2.0
\$1,750 to \$1,999	1.6		2.6	1 -,		1	
\$2,000 to \$2,249	2.1		2.6	\$2,000 to \$2,249	1.4		0.7
\$2,250 to \$2,499	1.3	1	1.3	\$2,250 to \$2,499	0.9		0.7
\$2,750 to \$2,749 \$2,750 to \$2,999	0.4		0.7	\$2,500 to \$2,749 \$2,750 to \$2,999	1.5	1	-
	0.8		1.3	 	1.5		-
\$3,000 to \$3,999	1.7		2.0	\$3,000 to \$3,999	1.9		0.7
\$4,000 to \$4,999 \$5,000 or more	1.8		1.3	\$4,000 to \$4,999	-		-
Not reported	1.7		2.0	\$5,000 or more	0.5	11	-
				not reported	2.5	li.	

¹ Percentage distribution is not shown where the number of cases in the sample is less than 100.

Table 5.--RENT AS PERCENT OF INCOME BY FAMILY INCOME IN 1949 OF PRIMARY FAMILIES WITH NO SUBFAMILY OR SECONDARY FAMILY IN RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWEILING UNITS, BY PRESENCE OF MINORS, FOR SEIMA, CALIFORNIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

(ross rent as percent of income by family income	Total	No minors	With minors	Gross rent as percent of income by family income	Total	No minors	With minors
Number of families	229	45	184	\$2,000 to \$2,499	12.7		13.2
Percent of total	100.0	19.7	80.3	9 percent or less	4.2		4.4
Total	100.0	(¹)	100.0	10 percent to 14 percent 15 percent to 19 percent	4.9 3.5		6.1 2.6
9 percent or less	28.9		29.8	20 percent to 24 percent			-
10 percent to 14 percent	16.2		16.7	25 percent to 29 percent	-		-
15 percent to 19 percent	15.5		14.9	30 percent to 34 percent 35 percent or more	_		_
20 percent to 24 percent 25 percent to 29 percent	10.6 4.2		8.8 5.3	por por our or more			
30 percent to 34 percent	2.8		1.8	\$2,500 to \$2,999	5.6		4.4
35 percent or more	14.8		15.8		0.5		
Not reported	7.0		7.0	9 percent or less	3.5 0.7		2.6
\$1,499 or less	45.1		43.0	15 percent to 19 percent	1.4		1.8
9 percent or less	7.0		7.0	20 percent to 24 percent 25 percent to 29 percent	-		-
10 percent to 14 percent	2.1		1.8	30 percent to 34 percent	_		_
15 percent to 19 percent 20 percent to 24 percent	7.8 8.5		7.0 7.0	35 percent or more	-		-
25 percent to 29 percent	2.1	}	2.6				
30 percent to 34 percent	2.8		1.8	\$3,000 or over	12.7		14.0
35 percent or more	14.8		15.8	9 percent or less	9.2		10.5
\$1,500 to \$1,999	16.9		18.4	10 percent to 14 percent	3.5		3.5
9 percent or less	4.9		5.3	15 percent to 19 percent 20 percent to 24 percent	-		_
10 percent to 14 percent	4.9		5.3 3.5	25 percent to 24 percent	_		_
15 percent to 19 percent 20 percent to 24 percent	2.1		1.8	30 percent to 34 percent	-	H	-
25 percent to 29 percent	2.1		2.6	35 percent or more	-		-
30 percent to 34 percent 35 percent or more			-	Not reporting income or rent	7.0		7.0

 $^{^{1}}$ Percentage distribution is not shown where the number of cases in the sample is less than 100.